

## COMMISSION AGENDA



## SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION

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# ***DRAFT MINUTES***

**Thursday, November 12, 2009  
1:30 p.m.**

**City of San José – W- Room W120  
200 E. Santa Clara Street  
San Jose, CA 95113**

### **(a) CALL TO ORDER**

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- (1) The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.
- (2) The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Langford.

Present: Connie Langford, Don Blankenship, Roger Lasson, Elisa Perez-Lindley, Frances Jones, Martha O'Connell, Larry Saltman, Patrick Hall, Bob Gill, Doreen and Rene Lovato (leaving @ 2:45pm)

Absent:

Emeritus: Doreen Morgan

Staff: Dr. Lisa Blevins (Therapeutic & Aging Services), Diane Lindberg (Office on Aging), Tracey Gott (Office on Aging), Linda Brewka (Office on Aging), Council Liaison, Meghan Revolinsky,

### **(b) INTRODUCTIONS**

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- (1) Guests:
  - Dan Wax, Division Manager, PRNS
  - Marie Hayter – applicant to Senior Commission
  - Thuy Nguyen - Outreach
  - Dennis Hawkins – Assistant City Clerk

**(c) ADOPTION OF ORDERS OF THE DAY**

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**ACTION: The Commission approved the orders of the day as written (Lasson/Langford).**

**Time Certain**

<b>1:40</b>	<b>Item (h)</b>	<b>Mayor's Liaison Report</b>
<b>1:50</b>	<b>Item (i)</b>	<b>Council Liaison Report</b>

**(d) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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**ACTION: The Commission approved the October 8, 2009 Minutes (Langford/ Hall).**

**(e) CORRESPONDENCE** Correspondence binder circulated at table.

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**(f) OPEN FORUM**

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1) Commissioner O'Connell reported that 1 private owner is buying Mobile Homes in MH parks. The concern is these purchases are not covered under Rental Control Ordinance. O'Connell will be bringing this issue to the Mobile Home Advisory Committee (MAC) and the Advisory Committee on Rents (ACOR) for review.

2). Commissioner Gill stated that he is involved with an organization @ Evergreen College W/ Supervisor David Cortese

**(g) CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (Jones)**

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No Report

**(h) MAYOR'S OFFICE LIAISON REPORT (Nguyen)**

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Mayor's Liaison Khoa Nguyen not present / no report

**(i) COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT (Constant)**

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- (1) City Council is meeting early in the year (this year) to discuss budget situation
- (2) W/ approx. 100 million dollar budget deficit, Mayor is recommending a Committee for Budget process and working through the deficit
- (3) Now is a good time for Seniors to step forward and voice their needs as a guide to Mayor and Council when making those tough decisions of cutting programs and services
- (4) Councilmember Pete Constant's door is always open to discuss ideas and issues with anyone

**(j) COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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**(1) Health & Safety Committee Report**

- (a) Working meeting/ no quorum met; discussed upcoming light rail station repairs

**(2) Housing & Human Services Committee Report**

- (a) Committee changed #8 on Goals and Objectives (reflected in Meeting minutes)
- (b) Subcommittee meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup> will have 2 guest speakers from the Billy DeFrank Center making a presentation. All are welcome to attend. Please arrive timely.
- (c) Continued looking at the Rental Control Ordinance.

**(3) CreaTV Ad Hoc Committee Report**

- (a) 2 shows: Cypress and Alma Senior Centers in progress
- (b) Commissioner Blankenship distributed CreaTV Annual Report & Budget 2010 at table for review

**ACTION: Disband CreaTV as an Ad-Hoc Committee and move it to a Liaison Assignment (Blankenship/O'Connell)**

**(k) OLD BUSINESS**

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- (1) Discussion and possible action that the Senior Commission writes a letter to the Mayor and City Council recommending that the quorum requirements for Boards, Commissions and Committees as defined by Municipal Code be revised to eliminate vacant seats .Assistant City Clerk Dennis Hawkins on behalf of City Clerk's Office reminded Commission that this topic may currently be in review by the City Clerk's Office.

**ACTION: Write a letter to Mayor and City Council recommending that the quorum for Boards, Commissions, and Committees as defined by Municipal Code be revised to eliminate vacant seats. (O'Connell/Lasson)**

**(l) NEW BUSINESS**

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- (1) Discussion and possible action regarding the 2-week public review of the City Clerk's report to Rules Committee on recommended changes to the Boards and Commissions and Committees.

O'Connell is pleased with 30day review period. Discussion among the Senior Commission that 30 days is ample time for all Boards, Commissions, and Committees to review and to solicit pubic input. Therefore, **NO ACTION** is required as topic appears to be addressed satisfactorily to the Senior Commission.

- (2) Election of Vice Chair for Senior Commission

Nomination Committee presented two candidates for Vice Chair: Patrick Hall & Larry Saltman; each candidate had 2 minutes to address the Senior Commission then left the room while a vote of Senior Commissioners was taken publicly. .

**ACTION: Larry Saltman was elected Vice Chair to the Senior Commission. Chair Jones announced the appointment of Vice Chair Saltman to the Commission.**

**ACTION: Chair Jones disbanded the Nomination Committee and thanked them for their effort**

**ACTION: Chair Jones appointed Commissioner Lasson to act as Chair of Health and Safety subcommittee since Commissioner Saltman will now be moving into Commission Vice Chair role.**

**(m) OFFICE ON AGING REPORT**

Staff Gott gave the following updates:

- 1).Preliminary budget deficit of 96.4 million, 11% of general fund
- 2).Alma/Northside Senior Centers' RFP will be going out within the next week – there Are currently a few community based organizations interested in applying for re-use.
- 3).Relocation of St. James to Roosevelt will take place in 2010
- 4).Currently working within the county to relocate Hank Lopez Senior Center participants /programs to Mayfair
- 5).Friday, November 6, 2009 Willow Glen Community and Senior Center had a grand-reopening of their nutrition program
- 6).Starting with the December Senior Commission meeting, a budget update will be added under old business and remain until June

**(n) LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

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- (1) **California Senior Legislature – November 2009 report (distributed at table)**

**(o) COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS**

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**(1) Updates on Senior Centers/Programs:**

Alma Senior Center (Blankenship) No report

Almaden Community Center (Saltman) No report

Berryessa Community Center (Perez-Lindley) No report / upcoming Breakfast with Santa in December

Cypress Senior Center (Blankenship) No report

Evergreen Community Center (Lovato) No report / upcoming breakfast with Santa in December

Gardner Community Center (Lasson) No report

Hank Lopez Community Center (Saltman) No meeting/no report

Iola Williams Senior Center (Jones) No report

Kirk Community Center (vacant) No report

Northside Community Center (Gill) No report

Southside Community and Senior Center (Lasson) No report/no meeting

St. James Senior Center (Langford) No report

John XXIII (O'Connell) 25% increase in Annual Membership Fee

O'Connell inquired if every Senior Center has the same fee? And  
Is there a fee waiver available for those that cannot afford the fee?

Lunch on November 13, 2009 @ 11:30

Willow Glen Community and Senior Center (Hall) Name officially changed to reflect the neighborhood; No report

RSVP Advisory Group (Saltman) no report

Senior Companion/Older Adult Resource Program (Saltman) Program identified as recipient in Mercury News Wish Book for this year; No report

**(2) Agency/Other Commission Liaison Reports:**

Human Rights Commission (Langford/O'Connell) Supported the Amicus Brief to Mayor and Council ( as did the Senior Commission last month)

Aging Services Collaborative (Lasson) No report

Committee for Transit Accessibility (Langford/Saltman) No report

Council on Aging Advisory Council (Langford) No report

County Senior Care Commission (Lovato) No report

Disability Advisory Commission (Gill) No report

Disaster Preparedness Task Force (Lasson) No report/ no meeting

Family Domestic Violence Task Force (City of San Jose) (Perez-Lindley) No report

Housing and Community Development Advisory Commission (HCDAC) (Lovato) No report

Parks and Recreation Commission (Jones) No report

Greenprint Strategic Plan (Langford) Final report getting distributed; will remove this from Liaison Report list, Senior Commission Agenda.

IRA Ruskin's Senior Advisory Committee (Lasson) No report

Mobile Home Advisory Commission (O'Connell) Mobile Home rehabilitation Project Program in jeopardy; Meeting on Monday December 8, 2009

**(p) REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS/PARKING LOT ITEMS (Brewka)**

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(1) Action Items:

**ACTION: Chair Jones disbanded CreaTV as an Ad-hoc Committee and made it into a Liaison Assignment (Blankenship/O'Connell)**

**ACTION: Senior Commission to write a letter to Mayor and City Council recommending that the quorum for Boards, Commissions and Committees as defined by municipal Code be revised to eliminate vacant seats. (O'Connell/Lasson)**

**ACTION: Larry Saltman was elected Vice Chair to Senior Commission. Chair Jones announced the appointment of Vice Chair Saltman to the Commission**

**ACTION: Roger Lasson was appointed as Chair of Health and Safety Subcommittee**

**ACTION: Health and Safety Committee will be reviewing the necessity for a dog leash law**

**ACTION: Housing and Human Services Subcommittee will be reviewing the Senior Commission Code of Conduct**

- (2) Parking Lot Items:  
None

**(q) ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chair Jones**

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- 1) Housing and Human Services subcommittee is looking into the Senior Commission Code of Conduct as recommended by Commissioner Emeritus Schwartz
- 2). Heath and safety Subcommittee is researching the dog-leash law; Parks and Recreation Commission is currently studying the issue
- 3). Annual Holiday Senior Commission Luncheon discussed – decided to have lunch before Senior Commission Meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Lunch at PF Chang's on So. Second Street, San Jose @ 11:30am. Staff Brewka will reserve and forward information to Commissioners prior to date.

**(r) NEXT MEETING**

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**San Jose Senior Citizens Commission  
Thursday, December 10, 2009 1:30pm-4:30pm  
San Jose City Hall Committee Room: W-120**

**Executive Committee  
Tuesday, November 24, 2009 10am-11am  
San Jose City Hall Tower Room T-133**

**Housing and Human Services Subcommittee  
Wednesday, November 18, 2009 10:30am-12:00pm  
San Jose City Hall Tower Room T-747**

**Health and Safety Subcommittee  
Wednesday, November 18, 2009 2:00pm-3:30pm  
Office On Aging, Alampen Winery  
5730 Chambertin Drive  
San Jose, CA 95118**

**(s) ADJOURNMENT @ 3:45pm by Chair Jones**

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Submitted by Linda Brewka, Staff